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Proposals regarding the addressing of the Communications from the Residency to the Secretaries to Govt

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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NOTES—First Sheet.

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Gr. II

Subd. Reference is invited to O. dd. no. G 6060-5 dy 14.11.16 in regard to the procedure in the matter of correspondence between the Residency & the Govt. The procedure was brought into effect from 1st Dec 1916 & was adopted tentatively for one year. The period has now expired. Subd.
K.V.
23/1

2 Put up a draft to the Residency enquiring whether the procedure may be continued. U/23/1/18

Rd 24/1/18

3 Draft Subd.
K.V.
24/1

4 [signature] U/26/1/18

3928
26/1/18

5 Dewan

[signature]
U/21/1/18

6 The draft approved by the Dewan has been issued and placed on file (vide Do. No. 5443 dated 28.1.18).

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29.1.18.

U/30/1/18

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Serial No.	
1	To. Mr. Cobb, Resident in Mysore R.O. 5443 of 28.1.18 Requests to be informed whether the mode addressing communications passing between the Govt & the Residency, hitherto a temporary measure, may be continued as a permanent measure.

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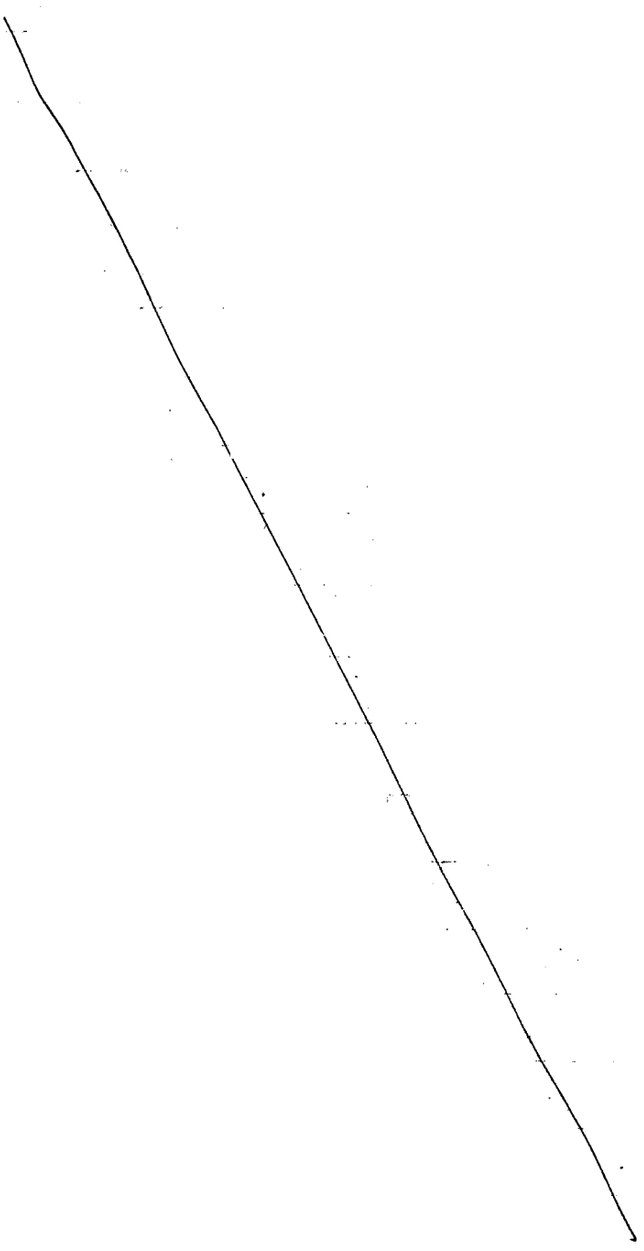

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W. D. 791—GPB—2,000—2-10-15

REPLY.

(To be written on this margin.)

Office of the Dewan of Mysore.

NOTE.

Dated.....February.....*191* 8

Letter No: 852 dated the 1st February 1918 from the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, in regard to the mode of addressing communications between the Residency and the Durbar.

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7 Forwarded to the Chief Secretary for favour of a note and a draft reply.

Early 9.2.18 RO

The Chief Secretary.

CS.

8 Put up the papers & a draft reply accepting the Resident's suggestion.

CSJ

9/2/18

9/2/18

CHIEF SECRETARIAT. VKV GENERAL 9- FEB. 1918

WD 1233—GPB—60,000—1-12-16—S.

G. R. S. III-2

General and Revenue Secretariat.

G.R. File No. 476 of 1917.

Serial No.	
2	From The Hon'ble the Resident no. 852 dt 1.2.18 Accords his consent to the permanent adoption of the procedure in question with the proviso that when the Dewan is addressed direct, the reply should come from the Dewan.
9	Draft Subd. After the issue of W.N. VS the draft reply to the Hon'ble the Resident, a draft f.O. will be put up for Communication to the Secretaries to Govt. VS 11.2.18. Chatterjee Dewan) VJ 11/2/18 CMG 16/2/18
4383 Tours	Related to Ch Secy after issuing an intermediate reply. 16/2/18.

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C.S. 169.
20.5.18.

G.R.S. III—3]

Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

Immediate.

The Private Secretary to the Dewan wants the papers relating to the mode of addressing correspondence between the Residency and the Mysore Govt: to be sent to him at once. The file on the subject may kindly be caused to be put up.

Superintendent
Bor V. G.R.S.
C.S.
19.5.18.

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT.
V
GENERAL
20 MAY. 1918.

Attn. 530
20.5.18

The connected papers are put up herewith.

Asst.
20.5.18.

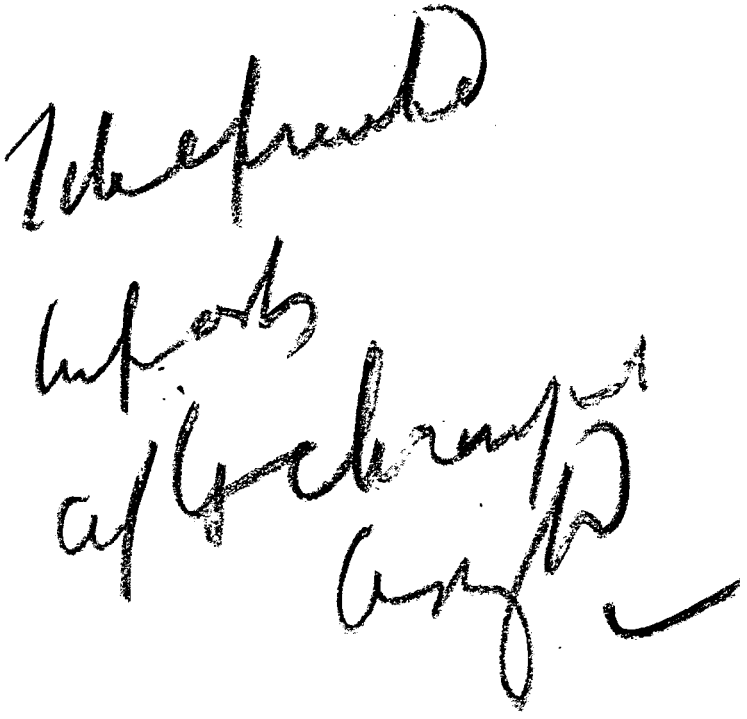
To Mr. H.C. Gibbons.

C.S.
20.5.18.

Read
21/5/18

N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

W.D. 84—GPB—60,000—20-7-16



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Re the mode of addressing communications passing between the Govt & H. Residency.

Bangalore
28.1.18.

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5443

My dear Mr. Cobb,

Encl & Signed Express

~~Please refer~~ to the demi-official correspondence ending with my letter No 4387 dated 26th October 1916 in regard to the mode of addressing communications passing between the Residency and the Government of Mysore.

The period for which the change was introduced tentatively expired on 1st December 1917 and I believe that it has worked satisfactorily.

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly ~~let~~ inform me ~~know~~ whether the -- modified procedure may be continued as a permanent measure.

Yours sincerely

Dewan.

28.1.18.

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D.O.852.

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GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT
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GENERAL
19 FEB. 1918

THE RESIDENT MYSORE

THE RESIDENCY,

BANGALORE.

15th February 1918.

My dear Sir M. Visvesvaraya,

Kindly refer to your D.O. letter No. 5443, dated the 28th ultimo in regard to the mode of addressing communications between the Residency and the Durbar. I agree with you that the changes introduced in December 1916 have worked satisfactorily on the whole, and have assisted in expediting the disposal of public -- business which was the object aimed at.

I would suggest that in the rare instances when the Dewan is still addressed direct, the reply should come from the Dewan instead of, as has happened in some instances, from other sources.

With

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Bangalore
16.2.18

D. O. No. 5492

My dear Mr. Cobb,

~~I am in receipt of~~ H. H. Sahib are much obliged to you for

your D.O. letter No.852 of the 1st instant in regard to the mode of addressing communications between the Residency and the Durbar. The suggestion contained in paragraph 2 of the letter is receiving ~~attention~~ Consideration ~~and I shall write again at an early date.~~

Kindly file this letter. Send a reply to the Chief Secretary. The letter from addressed to Dewan.

Yours sincerely,

16.2.18

Dewan.

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Bangalore
14.3.18

D. O. No. 547/Exam file

My dear sir,

I submit herewith, for His Highness' kind perusal, the further D.O. correspondence with the Hon'ble the Resident regarding the mode of addressing ~~xx~~ communications between the Residency and the Mysore Government.

Yours sincerely,

14.3.18 Dewan.

R.H. Campbell Esqr., C.I.E.

Bangalore
14.3.18

Confidential.

D. 2/ No. 5545

My dear Mr. Cobb,

With reference to paragraph 2 of your letter No.852 dated 1st - - February 1918 in regard to the mode of addressing communications between the Residency and His Highness' Government, I write to state as follows:-

(1) If a letter is addressed to the Dewan by the Hon'ble the Resident, the Dewan will invariably send a reply himself to such a letter.

(2) In cases in which the Dewan is - addressed by the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident, the Dewan will use his - discretion as to whether the - reply should go from himself or from the Chief Secretary or from the Secretary of the Department concerned.

(3) In all official communications - from the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident, though - the letters are addressed to - the Dewan, the practice hitherto has been for the Secretary of the Department concerned to send a reply. This practice - may continue.

There have been instances, - even ~~xxxx~~in recent times, in which the Dewan has been addressed by the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident on matters of very minor importance. It is neither desirable nor possible for the Dewan to personally attend to routine correspondence and it will lead to delays.

I trust you will consider the above proposals satisfactory.

Yours sincerely,

14.3.18 Dewan.

~~But~~ I may, however, repeat the assurance given in my letter No.4336 of the 12th September 1916 that "these proposals are only intended to facilitate business and that the Residency communications will continue to receive the same amount of close attention which the Durbar have always been bestowing upon them".

D. O. No. 5208.

DO No 264
See one file

Chief Sanders
20.3.18 RV

THE PALACE,
BANGALORE.

19th March 1918.

My dear Sir,

I am directed to return after perusal by His Highness the enclosed correspondence with the Hon'ble the Resident about the mode of addressing communications between the Residency and the Mysore Government received with your D.O. letter No.5547 dated 14th March 1918.

Yours sincerely,

Recommend

Ssen.
C.S. Keep the reply from Resy is received.
CBR 20/3/18

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

No. 2175

D. O. No. 758-24

Confidential.

THE RESIDENCY,
BANGALORE.
22nd March 1918

My dear Sir M. Visvesvaraya,

Please refer to your confidential and D.O. letter No. 5545 dated the 14th March 1918 relating to correspondence between the Residency and the Durbar.

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly quote the numbers and dates of the communications "of very minor importance" which have been addressed to you by my First Assistant since the 1st December 1916, the date when I gave my consent to a change in the previous practice.

Yours sincerely
H. C. [illegible]

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore.

Clean copy.

Bangalore,

23rd March 1918.

D. O. No. 5591/S.

My dear Mr. Cobb,

As desired in your letter No.2175 of the 22nd instant, I give below a few instances of letters on matters of very minor importance addressed to me:- .

(1) Letter (without number) dated 20th April 1917 regarding a revised list of articles likely to be most acceptable to the British and Indian troops on active service

(2) Letter No.1879 dated 9th March 1918 requesting to be furnished with copies of correspondence regarding payment of tolls in the Madras ~~xxx~~ Presidency in respect of Palace cars.

(3) Letters Nos.385 and 2030 dated 17th January and 16th March 1918 sending reminders enquiring how the question of the introduction of income-tax in Mysore stands.

Opinions may differ as to the degree of importance to be attached to each particular case. The above instances are mentioned as of "very minor importance" in the sense that in those cases the reply may appropriately be sent by the Secretary of the Department concerned.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- M. Visvesvaraya.

"Copy"

C&R

Bangalore

5592/En: 24 on file 25.3.18

To

R.H.Campbell Esqr., C.I.E.

My dear Sir,

I enclose herewith, for favour of submission to His Highness, the further D.O.correspondence between the Hon'ble the Resident and myself, regarding the mode of addressing Residency communications.

Yours sincerely,

25.3.18

Dewan.

D. O. No. 2 5235

THE PALACE,

BANGALORE.

26th March 1918.

Do No 272.
Encl one file

Chief Secretary's Do
27.3.18 CS.

My dear Sir,

I am directed to return herewith the File relating to the Demi Official correspondence between yourself and the Hon'ble the Resident, regarding the mode of addressing Residency communications, received with your D.O. letter No. 5592 of yesterday.

Put up herewith

Yours sincerely,

Recommend

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,

Dewan of Mysore,

Bangalore.

D.O. Fr. No 5338.

CONFIDENTIAL

D.O.

No.94-C.

THE RESIDENCY,
BANGALORE.

CAMP, OOTACAMUND.

14th May 1918

Dear Sir M. Visvesvaraya,

Kindly refer to your Demi-Official letters Nos. 5545 and 5591 dated respectively the 14th and 28th March 1918 on the subject of the mode of correspondence between the Residency and the Durbar. I must express my regret at the delay in replying to the latter which has been partly due to pressure of work and partly to a detailed examination of my receipt and despatch registers.

2. I was somewhat surprised to read in your earlier letter that "even in recent times" (i.e. since the 1st December 1916) you had been addressed directly by the Residency "on matters of very minor importance". For I need scarcely say that, in giving my consent to the change of procedure adopted on the 1st December 1916, my object was quite as much to relieve you from unnecessary and routine correspondence as to expedite the despatch of public business. At the same time, as indicated in the earlier correspondence of 1916, I considered it advisable --- an opinion which I still hold --- that in certain matters, e.g. those of an urgent, personal, or confidential character, as well as cases to which the Government of India or I myself might attached special importance, it was advisable for the old method of correspondence to continue. Such cases, I felt sure, would be comparatively few in number --- an opinion which the figures I have now collated from my despatch register amply bears out.

3. I turn now to the three instances cited in your second letter under reply which you designate as of very minor importance.

Instance (1)

In this case I agree with your ~~designation~~ opinion. The facts

are, however, that in August 1914 you were nominated a Vice-President of the Branch Committee for Mysore and Coorg of the Imperial Indian Relief Fund. Since then you and other Officers or private individuals similarly nominated have been circularized individually from time to time in that capacity as occasion arose. Unless you rsigned the Vice-Presidentship it is not easy to see how this difficulty can be got over. I shall be happy to consider any suggestion on the point you may be good enough to advance.

Instance (2)

In this case it was you yourself who initiated the correspondence in your Demi-Official letter No.5523 dated the 1st March. The discretion you thus exercised was, in my opinion, a wise one, seeing that the questions dealt with concerned His Highness the Maharaja personally.

Speaking broadly such cases should, I think, usually be dealt with by direct correspondence between the Residency and either yourself or His Highness's Private Secretary. I should be reluctant to regard any matters affecting His Highness's personal convenience or dignity as un-important.

Instance (3)

This case also, in my opinion, cannot be regarded as one of "very minor importance"

All questions relating to possible new taxation on a general scale are of consequence, and are best treated, until a late stage, as confidential. The two letters from the Residency, to which you refer, were the outcome of spontaneous and confidential communications from the Government of India, who indeed went so far as to communicate with me on this subject by secret telegram.

telegram.

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I hope, after these remarks, you will perhaps agree with me that, in addressing you directly in this matter, I was justified in the use I made of the discretionary powers I expressly reserved to myself in my Demi-Official letter No.7331 dated the 18th October 1916

4. It may, of course, happen that cases in which, at the outset, direct correspondence between the Residency and yourself has been considered advisable by either side may prove, at a later stage, suitable for transference to your Secretaries. I need scarcely say that, in any such case, a written or verbal suggestion to this effect will always receive my early and sympathetic consideration.

5. In the circumstances explained above I adhere to the views expressed in my letter to you No.852 dated the 1st February 1918, but shall be glad to discuss the matter further with you if you should so desire.

Yours sincerely

H.V. Cobb

To,

Sir M.Visvesvaraya K.C.I.E.,

Dewan of Mysore.

A.R.

CONFIDENTIAL.

DEWAN OF MYSORE

5799

BALLABROOIE,
HIGH GROUND,
BANGALORE.
10th July 1918.

Dear Mr. Cobb,

I am writing with reference to your letter marked 'Confidential' No.94-C dated the 14th May 1918, on the subject of the mode of correspondence between the Residency and the Durbar.

The modification suggested in your letter of the 1st February 1918 requires that even in cases in which the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident addresses demi-official communications to the Dewan, the reply should go in the Dewan's name. I understood from our conversation at Ootacamund that in such cases there would be no objection to the Dewan's reply being sent, if necessary, to the address of the Hon'ble the Resident.

In cases in which the Dewan addresses demi-official communications to the Hon'ble the Resident direct, it is hoped that, when the number is not large, a similar courtesy will be extended to him, namely, that the replies will issue from the Hon'ble the Resident himself.

Subject to the foregoing qualifications, the Durbar agree to the adoption of the procedure indicated in your letter of the 1st February 1918 as a permanent measure.

The procedure will facilitate the disposal of public

business and the Durbar are grateful to you for the consideration you have so kindly shown in ~~this~~ The matter.

I regret there has been some delay in ~~replying~~ ~~to your letter~~ sending this reply.

Yours

10.7.14 Ho

5850/En.1/14

Bangalore
27.7.18.

To

K, Mylar Rao Esqr., B.A., B.L.,
Private Secretary to H.H. the
Yuvaraja of Mysore.

My dear Sir,

I submit herewith, for His Highness' kind perusal, the further correspondence with the Hon'ble the Resident regarding the mode of correspondence between the Residency and His Highness' Govt. My D.O.letter No. ~~5545~~ 5799 dated ~~14th March~~ 18th July 1918, to the Hon'ble the Resident, explains the stage at which the matter stands.

Yours sincerely,

27.7.18 K
Dewan.

Fr. 5514

CONFIDENTIAL

D.O.

No.138-C/291

THE RESIDENCY,

BANGALORE.

28th July 1918

Dear Sir M. Visvesvaraya,

Referring to your Confidential and Demi-Official letter No.5799 dated the 10th July on the mode of correspondence between the Residency and the Durbar, I wish to make the following observations.

2. As regards Paragraph 2, I confirm our private conversation at Ootacamund; should you personally feel any scruple in addressing the First Assistant and prefer to address the Resident direct there is not the smallest objection so far as the Residency is concerned. I may add that, so far as I am aware, none of your predecessors have raised this point before, and my files are full of letters addressed by them to the First Assistant.

3. As to Paragraph 3, I shall be happy to bear your wishes in mind. But I regret that I do not see my way to lay down any hard and fast rule in the matter, as it might conceivably lead to the misconstruction that the First Assistant Resident is not entitled to address letters direct to the Dewan, a practice which has existed ever since this Residency was constituted.

Yours sincerely,

H.V. Cobb

To,

Sir M. Visvesvaraya K.C.I.E.,

Dewan of Mysore.

A.R.

D.O. No. 20
with a file.

Fr. 5573

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

THE PALACE,
BANGALORE.

Dated 29th July 1918.

My dear Sir.

I am directed to return herewith the file relating to the demi-official correspondence between - yourself and the Hon'ble the Resident regarding the mode of correspondence between the Residency and His Highness' Government, received with your letter No. 5850 dated the 27th instant.

I remain
yours sincerely
K. Nyalkao.

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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K°5891.

CONFIDENTIAL.

DEWAN OF MYSORE

BALLABROOIE,
HIGH GROUND,
BANGALORE.

8th August 1918.

Dear Mr. Cobb,

I am in receipt of your further letter dated the 28th July 1918 on the subject of the mode of correspondence between the Residency and the Durbar.

In regard to paragraph 2 of that letter, I am afraid I did not make my meaning clear. I recognise that the First Assistant Resident is a high officer and I have never yet shown any hesitation to receive letters from him or to reply to him direct. I am sure your files will show numerous letters addressed in my time also to the First Assistant Resident.

My point is that when a demi-official letter is addressed to the Hon'ble the Resident by the Dewan, it is due to the Durbar, as a matter of reciprocal courtesy, that a reply should, when the number of such letters is not large, be sent by the Resident himself in the same way as the Dewan does in the case of letters received from the Resident. The number of such letters addressed by the Dewan usually ~~perhaps,~~ does not exceed perhaps a dozen in a month.

Yours Sincerely.

M. Visvesvaraya

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N° 5904 (Encl 2

Confidential.

Bangalore
13.8.18

My dear sir,

I send herewith, for His Highness' kind perusal, D.O. letter No.138-C/291, dated 28th July 1918 from the Hon'ble the Resident, and my reply thereto on the subject of the mode of correspondence between the Residency and His Highness' Government.

Yours sincerely,

12.8.18

Dewan.

K. Mylar Rao Esqr., B.A., B.L.

CHAMUNDI VIHAR,
MYSORE.

Dated 14th August 1918.

D. O. No. 47
Enc: 2 letters

My dear Sir

I am directed to return with thanks the enclosed letters on the subject of the mode of correspondence between the Residency and His Highness' Government, - received with your letter No.5904 dated the 13th instant.

I remain
yours sincerely
K Rangarkar.

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Laddock Secy,
for favour of perusal Confdl
6/14/18.

Copy of Letter No.2123, dated the 19th March 1919, from the First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore to the Dewan of Mysore.

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I am directed to address you in regard to the expenditure incurred by the Durbar during the war on their Imperial Service Troops over and above the ordinary peace expenditure.

2. The Government of India have ruled that all expenditure incurred by States in excess of their ordinary expenditure will form a charge against His Majesty's Government in cases where the Durbars desire that Government should meet the extra cost.

3. I am, accordingly, to request that, if there be no objection, and, if the Durbar wish to avail themselves of the offer of the Government of India, the Resident may be furnished with a statement containing full details of the extra expenditure thus incurred, and the amounts which they desire to claim.

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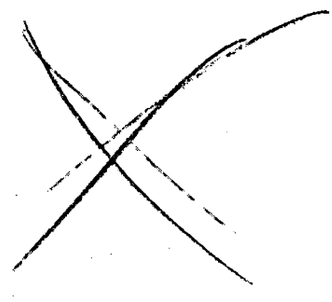
Dewan's orders. (Dated the 19th March 1919)

Chief Secretary, V.E. - The address of this to the Dewan officially requires examination. Total cost may be calculated.



CONFIDENTIAL.

D.O. No. 4290—Enc. 1 file.

BANGALORE,
29th August 1916.

MY DEAR SIR,

I send herewith, for favour of His Highness' approval or other orders, the draft of a D.O. letter which it is proposed to address to the Hon'ble Mr. Cobb, in the matter of communications from the Residency intended for the Durbar.

Under present arrangements, all communications, including those which concern mere routine matters, are addressed to the Dewan, with the result that much of his time is unnecessarily taken up, in dealing with comparatively unimportant matters. To obviate this and to ensure prompt attention in all cases, it is suggested that the Dewan may be addressed in only important and confidential matters, the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident addressing the Secretary concerned, or the General Secretary, in other cases. The Hon'ble the Resident will of course continue to address only the Dewan as heretofore.

Yours Sincerely,
(Sd.) M. VISVESVARAYA,
Dewan.

MIRZA M. ISMAIL, ESQ.

D.O. No. 78—Enc. 1 file.

THE PALACE, BANGALORE,
30th August 1916.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am directed to return the papers forwarded with your letter of the 29th, with reference to communications from the Residency to the Government of Mysore. His Highness approves of the draft to the Residency as slightly revised here under his orders, and it may issue now.

Yours Sincerely,
MIRZA M. ISMAIL.

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA, K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

D.O. No. 4336.

BANGALORE,
12th September 1916.

MY DEAR MR. COBB,

In continuation of the conversation we had on the subject, the Durbar desire to suggest for your consideration the adoption of the following procedure in the matter of addressing Residency communications intended for the Government of Mysore:—

(i) On very important and strictly confidential matters, the Dewan may be addressed.

(ii) In all other cases, the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident may address his communications to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja, who may have conducted the previous correspondence, or if there be no previous correspondence, to the Secretary in the General Department.

(iii) Communications both from and to the Residency will as usual be by letter, but in cases where all that is required is to forward papers, with little or no comment, the Durbar will find it a convenience to adopt the form of endorsement that is generally employed by the Residency in such circumstances.

I need hardly assure you that these proposals are only intended to facilitate business and that under the arrangement now suggested, Residency communications will continue to receive the same amount of close attention which the Durbar have always been bestowing upon them.

Yours Sincerely,
(Sd.) M. VISVESVARAYA,
Dewan.

THE HON'BLE
Mr. H. V. COBB, C.S.I., C.I.E.

D.O. No. 4008.

THE RESIDENCY, BANGALORE,
12th September 1916.

MY DEAR SIR VISVESVARAYA,

I am in receipt of your D.O. letter No. 4336, dated the 12th instant in regard to correspondence between the Residency and His Highness' Government. I need scarcely say that the changes proposed will receive my careful and sympathetic consideration.

Yours Sincerely,
(Sd.) H. V. COBB.

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA, K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore.

D.O. No. 7331.

BANGALORE,
18th October 1916.

MY DEAR SIR VISVESVARAYA,

Please refer to your demi-official letter No. 4336, dated the 12th ultimo, regarding a proposed change of procedure in the present mode of addressing Residency communications to the Government of Mysore.

I have given the case my careful consideration and in the hope expressed by you 'of facilitating business' I am glad to meet your wishes subject to the following reservations.

Point (1).—I should prefer that the proposed rule should run as follows:—

(i. The Dewan will be addressed in such cases only as the Resident may consider suitable.

In ordinary practice this rule will work out much on the lines indicated by you. But I should prefer that no hard and fast rule be laid down, and that my discretion in this respect should be left unfettered.

Secondly, I should prefer that the change of procedure should be introduced tentatively for one year with effect from the 1st December 1916 at the close of which the question can be decided finally in the light of the experience thus gained.

3. Please let me know at your convenience whether you wish me to issue instructions to my office to the above effect.

Yours Sincerely,
H. V. COBB.

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA, K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore.

H. No. 129—1 file.

MYSORE,
22-23rd October 1916

MY DEAR SIR,

In forwarding the accompanying papers on the mode of addressing Residency communications to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja, I request reference to the Hon'ble Mr. Cobb's demi-official letter No. 7331, dated the 18th instant. Mr. Cobb agrees to our proposals but makes certain reservations which, I think, may be agreed to. I attach the draft of a reply which it is proposed to issue. I shall be obliged if you will kindly obtain His Highness' approval thereto.

Yours Sincerely,
(Sd.) M. VISVESVARAYA,
Dewan.

R. H. CAMPBELL, ESQ., C.I.E.,
Private Secretary to H H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

D.O. No. 123—Enc. 1 File.

THE PALACE, MYSORE,
24—26th October 1916.

MY DEAR SIR,

In returning herewith the file of papers relating to communications from the Residency to the Durbar, forwarded with your D.O. letter No. H. 129 of yesterday's date, I am directed to say that His Highness approves of a reply being sent to the Resident on the lines indicated in the draft letter on the file.

Yours Sincerely,
(Sd.) R. H. CAMPBELL.

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA, K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Mysore.

D. O. No. 4387.

MYSORE,
26th October 1916.

MY DEAR MR. COBB,

In continuation of my D.O. letter, No. 4372, dated the 19th instant, on the mode of addrssing Residency communications to the Government of

Mysore, I write to state that the Durbar accept the modifications suggested in your letter No. 7331, dated the 18th instant, and they will be glad if necessary instructions are issued to bring the change of procedure into operation from the 1st December 1916.

I wish to convey to you the best thanks of His Highness' Government for kindly complying with their wishes so readily in this matter.

Yours Sincerely,

(Sd.) M. VISVESVARAYA,
Dewan.

THE HON'BLE
MR. H. V. COBB, C.S.I., C.I.E.,
Resident in Mysore.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

No. G. 6060-5—G. M. 342-16-6, DATED 14TH NOVEMBER 1916.

The Hon'ble the Resident has agreed to adopt tentatively for a period of one year from 1st December 1916 the following procedure in the mode of addressing Residency communications to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore:—

(*a*) The Dewan will be addressed in such cases only as the Hon'ble the Resident may consider suitable.

(*b*) In all other cases, the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident will address his communications to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja who may have conducted the previous correspondence, or if there be no previous correspondence, to the Secretary in the General Department.

2. The Hon'ble the Resident has also agreed that, in regard to communications from the Government of His Highness the Maharaja to the Residency, the form of endorsement that is generally employed by the Residency may be adopted where all that is required is to forward papers with little or no comment, while in all other cases communications will, as usual, be by letter.

"By Order,"

(Intd.) D. M. N.
General Secretary.

To —The Secretary to Government Financial Departmenti
Do do Revenue Department.
Do do E. & A. Departments.
Do do P. W. Department.
Do do Ry. Department.

Copy to branches I—VIII, Council Section, Dewan's Office, Officers in charge of Branches, and Members of Council.

D.O. No. 5443.

BANGALORE,
28th January 1918.

MY DEAR MR. COBB,

I write to request reference to the demi-official correspondence ending with my letter No. 4387, dated 26th October 1916 in regard to the mode of addressing communications passing between the Residency and the Government of Mysore.

The period for which the change was introduced tentatively expired on 1st December 1917 and I believe that it has worked satisfactorily.

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly inform me whether the modified procedure may be continued as a permanent measure.

Yours Sincerely,
(Sd.) M. VISVESVARAYA,
Dewan.

THE HON'BLE
MR. H. V. COBB, C.S.I., C.I.E.

D.O. No. 852.

THE RESIDENCY, BANGALORE,
1st February 1918.

MY DEAR SIR M. VISVESVARAYA,

Kindly refer to your D.O. letter No. 5443, dated the 28th ultimo in regard to the mode of addressing communications between the Residency and the Durbar. I agree with you that the changes introduced in December 1916 have worked satisfactorily on the whole, and have assisted in expediting the disposal of public business which was the object aimed at.

I would suggest that in the rare instances when the Dewan is still addressed direct, the reply should come from the Dewan instead of, as has happened in some instances, from other sources.

With this proviso, I shall be glad to accord my consent to the permanent adoption of the present procedure.

Yours Sincerely,
(Sd.) H. V. COBB.

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA, K.C.I.E.
Dewan of Mysore.

D.O. No. 5545.

BANGALORE,
14th March 1918.

MY DEAR MR. COBB,

With reference to paragraph 2 of your letter No. 852, dated 1st February 1918 in regard to the mode of addressing communications between the Residency and His Highness' Government, I write to state as follows:—

(1) If a letter is addressed to the Dewan by the Hon'ble the Resident, the Dewan will invariably send a reply himself to such a letter.

(2) In cases in which the Dewan is addressed by the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident, the Dewan will use his discretion whether the reply should go from himself or from the Chief Secretary or from the Secretary of the Department concerned.

(3) In all *official* communications from the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident, though the letters are addressed to the Dewan, the practice hitherto has been for the Secretary of the Department concerned to send a reply. This practice may continue.

There have been instances, even in recent times, in which the Dewan has been addressed by the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident on matters of very minor importance. It is neither desirable nor possible for the Dewan to personally attend to routine correspondence and it will also lead to delays. I may, however, repeat the assurance given in my letter No. 4336 of the 12th September 1916 that "these proposals are only intended to facilitate business and that the Residency communications will continue to receive the same amount of close attention which the Durbar have always been bestowing upon them."

I trust you will consider the above proposals satisfactory.

Yours Sincerely,

(Sd.) M. VISVESVARAYA,

Dewan.

THE HON'BLE

MR. H. V. COBB, ESQ., C.S.I., C.I.E.

D.O. No. 2175.

THE RESIDENCY, BANGALORE,

22nd March 1918.

MY DEAR SIR M. VISVESVARAYA,

Please refer to your confidential D.O. letter No. 5545, dated the 14th March 1918 relating to correspondence between the Residency and the Durbar.

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly quote the numbers and dates of the communications "of very minor importance" which have been addressed to you by my First Assistant since the 1st December 1916, the date when I gave my consent to a change in the previous practice.

Yours Sincerely,

H. V. COBB.

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA, K.C.I.E.,

Dewan of Mysore.

D.O. No. 5591.

BANGALORE,

25th March 1918.

MY DEAR MR. COBB,

As desired in your letter No. 2175 of the 22nd instant, I give below a few instances of letters on matters of very minor importance addressed to me: —

(1) Letter (without number) dated 20th April 1917 regarding a revised list of articles likely to be most acceptable to the British and Indian troops on active service.

(2) Letter No. 1879, dated 9th March 1918 requesting to be furnished with copies of correspondence regarding payment of tolls in the Madras Presidency in respect of Palace cars.

(3) Letters Nos. 385 and 2030, dated 17th January and 16th March 1918 sending reminders enquiring how the question of the introduction of income-tax in Mysore stands.

Opinions may differ as to the degree of importance to be attached to each particular case. The above instances are mentioned as of "very minor importance" in the sense that in those cases the reply may appropriately be sent by the Secretary of the Department concerned.

Yours Sincerely,

(Sd.) M. VISVESVARAYA.

THE HON'BLE
Mr. H. V. COBB, C.S.I., C.I.E.

D. O. No. 94—C.

THE RESIDENCY,
CAMP, OOTACAMUND,
14th May 1918.

DEAR SIR M. VISVESVARAYA,

Kidly refer to your D.O. letters Nos. 5545 and 5591, dated respectively the 14th and 28th March 1918 on the subject of the mode of correspondence between the Residency and the Durbar. I must express my regret at the delay in replying to the latter which has been partly due to pressure of work and partly to a detailed examination of my receipt and despatch registers.

2. I was somewhat surprised to read in your earlier letters that "even in recent times" (*i.e.* since the 1st December 1916) you had been addressed directly by the Residency "on matters of very minor importance." For I need scarcely say that, in giving my consent to the change of procedure adopted on the 1st December 1916, my object was quite as much to relieve you from unnecessary and routine correspondence as to expedite the despatch of public business. At the same time, as indicated in the earlier correspondence of 1916, I considered it advisable—an opinion which I still hold—that in certain matters, *e.g.*, those of an urgent, personal, or confidential character, as well as cases to which the Government of India or myself attached special importance, it was advisable for the old method of correspondence to continue. Such cases, I felt sure, would be comparatively few in number—an opinion which the figures I have now collated from my despatch register amply bears out.

3. I turn now to the three instances cited in your second letter under reply which you designate as of "very minor importance."

Instance (1).

In this case I agree with your definition. The facts are, however, that in August 1914 you were nominated a Vice-President of the Branch Committee for Mysore and Coorg of the Imperial Indian Relief Fund. Since then you and other officers or private individuals similarly nominated, have been circularized individually from time to time in that capacity as occasion arose. Unless you resigned the Vice-Presidentship, it is not easy to see how this difficulty can be got over. I shall be happy to consider any suggestion on the point you may be good enough to advance.

Instance (2).

In this case it was you yourself who initiated the correspondence in your D.O. letter No, 5523, dated the 1st March. The discretion you thus exercised was, in my opinion, a wise one, seeing that the questions dealt with concerned His Highness the Maharaja personally.

Speaking broadly, such cases should, I think, usually be dealt with by direct correspondence between the Residency and either yourself or His Highness's Private Secretary. I should be reluctant to regard any matters affecting His Highness's personal convenience or dignity as un-important.

Instance (3).

This case also, in my opinion, cannot be regarded as one of "very minor importance."

All questions relating to possible new taxation on a general scale are of consequence, and are best treated, until a late stage, as confidential. The two letters from the Residency, to which you refer, were the outcome of spontaneous and confidential communications from the Government of India, who indeed went so far as to communicate with me on this subject by secret telegram. I hope, after these remarks, you will perhaps agree with me that, in addressing you directly in this matter, I was justified in the use I made of the discretionary powers I expressly reserved to myself in my D.O. letter No. 7331, dated the 18th October 1916.

4. It may, of course, happen that cases in which, at the outset, direct correspondence between the Residency and yourself has been considered advisable by either side may prove, at a later stage, suitable for transference to your Secretaries. I need scarcely say that, in any such case, a written or verbal suggestion to this effect will always receive my early and sympathetic consideration.

5. In the circumstances explained above, I adhere to the views expressed in my letter to you No. 852, dated the 1st February 1918, but shall be glad to discuss the matter further with you if you should so desire.

Yours Sincerely,
(Sd.) H. V. COBB.

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA, K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore.

D.O. No. 5799.

BALLABROOIE, HIGH GROUND,
BANGALORE,
10th July 1918.

DEAR MR. COBB,

I am writing with reference to your letter marked 'Confidential' No. 94 C dated the 14th May 1918, on the subject of the mode of correspondence between the Residency and the Durbar.

The modification suggested in your letter of the 1st February 1918, requires that even in cases in which the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident addresses demi-official communications to the Dewan, the reply should go in the Dewan's name. I understood from our conversation at Ootacamund that in such cases there would be no objection to the Dewan's reply being sent, if necessary, to the address of the Hon'ble the Resident.

In cases in which the Dewan addresses demi-official communications to the Hon'ble the Resident direct, it is hoped that, when the number is not large, a similar courtesy will be extended to him, namely, that the replies will issue from the Hon'ble the Resident himself.

Subject to the foregoing qualifications, the Durbar agree to the adoption of the procedure indicated in your letter of the 1st February 1918 as a permanent measure.

The procedure will facilitate the disposal of public business and the Durbar are grateful to you for the consideration you have so kindly shown in the matter.

I regret there has been some delay in sending this reply.

Yours Sincerely,
(Sd.) M. VISVESVARAYA,

THE HON'BLE
MR. H. V. COBB, ESQ., C.S.I., C.I.E.

D.O. No. 138-C—291.

THE RESIDENCY, BANGALORE.
28th July 1918.

DEAR SIR M. VISVESVARAYA,

Referring to your Confidential and Demi-Official letter No. 5799, dated the 10th July on the mode of correspondence between the Residency and the Durbar, I wish to make the following observations.

2. As regards Paragraph 2, I confirm our private conversation at Ootacamund; should you personally feel any scruple in addressing the First Assistant and prefer to address the Resident direct there is not the smallest objection so far as the Residency is concerned. I may add that, so far as I am aware, none of your predecessors have raised this point before, and my files are full of letters addressed by them to the First Assistant.

3. As to Paragraph 3, I shall be happy to bear your wishes in mind. But I regret that I do not see my way to lay down any hard-and-fast rule in the matter, as it might conceivably lead to the misconstruction that the First Assistant Resident is not entitled to address letters ditect to the Dewan, a practice which has existed ever since this Residency was constituted.

Yours Sincerely,
(Sd.) H. V. COBB.

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA, K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,

No. 589I.

BALLABROOIE, HIGH GROUND,
BANGALORE.
8th August 1918.

DEAR MR. COBB,

I am in receipt of your further letter dated the 28th July 1918 on the subject of the mode of correspondence between the Residency and the Durbar.

In regard to paragraph 2 of that letter, I am afraid I did not make my meaning clear. I recognise that the First Assistant Resident is a high officer and I have never yet shown any hesitation to receive letters from him or to reply to him direct. I am sure your files will show numerous letters addressed in my time also to the First Assistant Resident.

My point is that when a demi-official letter is addressed to the Hon'ble the Resident by the Dewan, it is due to the Durbar, as a matter of reciprocal courtesy, that a reply should, when the number of such letters is not large, be sent by the Resident himself in the same way as the Dewan does in the case of letters received from the Resident. The number of such letters addressed by the Dewan usually does not exceed perhaps a dozen in a month.

Yours Sincerely,
(Sd.) M. VISVESVARAYA,

THE HON'BLE
MR. H. V. COBB, C.S.I., C.I.E.

D O No. 11—12—10-4-19

Miscellaneous drafts, a/hd
copies of which are already in
the file.

Receipt of Cash 2/-

Received

3/5/16

List of Do. letters written by the Diwan to the Assistant to the Resident during the months of May, June & July 18.

1. B. V. Lakshmanrao — 0
2. C. E. Ramarao 7+5+8 = 20
3. C. S. Srinivasachar 6+4+6 = 16
4. R Thammaji Rao — 5
5. T. K. Subbarao — 0
6. H. C. Subbarao 1+2+0 = 3
7. C. G. Ramayya — 0
8. H. Narayanarao — 0
9. A Arunachala Mudaliar — 0
10. H. Venkatramah — 0
11. G. S. Rao — 0
12. M. R. Narayanaswamy Iyer — 0
13. R. Ranjappa. — 0

30

Letters issued to the Resident by me.

May - 1

June - 2

July - nil

Total 3

Here were not registered in the D.C. Register at the time of issue

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7.8.18.

List of Eclipses between the Decrees
of Nicæa during the minority of
Constantine

May

June

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June

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July

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August

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Dear Sir,

Mr T.K.S - home.
Mr HV works.
Mr HV Mil

Mr C.S.S is still unwell. So he passed on your letter to me. The only source of information for the figures are the delivery books. I find that on 2/6/18 one letter has issued to Mr H.V. Cobb & that there are no other entries (in this connection) subsequent to that date. So you may assume that only one letter has issued during these 3 months

Yours sincerely,

T.K. Subbaraya

Urgent

Devakottai
6. 8. 18

Dear Sir,

The Private Secretary wants information, either tomorrow or early the day after, as to the exact number of letters ~~wrote~~ written to the Hon'ble the Resident by the Dewan, during the months of May, June and July 1918. The number of D.O. letters registered in my books will be furnished by me but he wants also information about the number of letters issued to the Resident without registry in my books. He has asked me to write and obtain from you the exact number of D.O. letters issued by you, without ~~the~~ entry in the office D.O. registers, to the Resident during these three months. I shall be obliged by your kindly sending me the information very early. I am sorry to have to trouble you when you are not well, but I am constrained to do so as the Private Secretary desired that I should write to you.

Yours Sincerely
C.S. Srinivasa Rao (has Sd).
C.S. Ramakrishna

P.T.O

Confidential.

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My point is that when a letter is addressed to the Hon'ble the Resident by the Dewan, it is due to the Durbar that a reply should, when the number of such letters is not large, be sent by the Resident himself in the same way as the Dewan does in the case of letters received from the Resident. Common courtesy seems to require such reciprocity.

Whatever may have been the practice in former times, when the relations between the Durbar and the Residency were closer and less settled and the correspondence was somewhat extensive, there is no need for such practice at the present time, since the personal letters addressed by Dewan scarcely number more than half a dozen a month on occasions. Except in your time, I do

I might perhaps mention that as a rule I personally replied to all ~~things~~ initially intended such ~~Dewan~~ Courtesy to the Dewan.

Yours

-6-8-18

not recollect having received replies from the First Assistant Resident to personal letters addressed by me to the Hon'ble the Resident, when both were present at the head quarters.

I may assure you that there can be no room for the misconstruction you refer to.

Yours sincerely,

Dewan.

CONFIDENTIAL.

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Yours sincerely,

Dewan.

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3. I may assure you that there can be no room for the misconstruction you refer to.

Confidential.

Dear Mr. Cobb,

I am in receipt of ~~yo~~ your further letter dated the 28th July 1918 on the subject of the mode of correspondence between the Residency and the Durbar.

In regard to paragraphs 2 ~~and 3~~ of that letter, I fear I have not made my meaning clear. I recognise that the First Assistant Resident is a high officer and I have never yet shown ~~the slightest~~ any hesitation to receive letters from him or to ~~send him replies~~ reply to him direct. I am sure your files will show numerous letters addressed by me in my time also to the First Assistant Resident.

My point is that though a certain correspondence might be initiated by the First Assistant Resident, circumstances might conceivably arise when a reply to the Hon'ble the Resident would be more appropriate. It was to make sure that I was not precluded from writing to you under such circumstances that I referred to the matter in our conversation at Ootacamund. Such cases are of course bound to be very few.

My ~~other~~ point is that when a letter is addressed to the Hon'ble the Resident by the Dewan, it is due to the Durbar that a reply should

when the number of such letters is not large, be sent by the Resident in the same way as the Dewan does in the case of letters received from the Resident. Common courtesy seems to require such reciprocity and in view of what I have stated above there is no room for the misconstruction that the First Assistant Resident is not entitled to address letters direct to the Dewan.

I hope you will now agree that the proposal made by me in paragraph 3 of my letter of the 10th July is not unreasonable.

Yours sincerely,

Dewan.

Confidential.

Dear Mr. Cobb,

I am in receipt of your further letter dated the 28th July 1918 on the subject of the mode of correspondence between the Residency and the Durbar.

In regard to paras 2 and 3 of that letter I fear I have not made my meaning quite clear. I recognise that the First Assistant Resident is a high officer and I have never yet shown the slightest hesitation to receive letters from him or to ~~reply~~ send him ~~to those~~ replies. I am sure your files will ~~also~~ show numerous letters addressed to the First Assistant Resident ~~by me~~ by me also.

My point ~~was~~ is that though a certain correspondence might be initiated by the First Assistant Resident, circumstances might ~~concurrently~~ conceivably arise when a reply to the Resident ~~on the same subject~~ himself would be more appropriate. It was to make sure that I was not precluded from writing to you under such circumstances that I referred to the matter in our conversation at Ootacamund. Such cases are of course ~~found~~ found to be very few.

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same way ~~that~~ is ~~in case of~~ the Dewan does in the case of letters from the Resident. Common courtesy seems to require such ~~a~~ reciprocal ~~procedure~~ and ~~it cannot~~ in view of what I have stated above, ~~the previous can not lead to~~ any misconstruction that the First Assistant Resident is not entitled to address letters direct to the Dewan. There is no room for—

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Yours sincerely,

Dewan.

Confidential

Dear Mr Clow,

I am in receipt of your further letter dated the 28th July on the subject of the mode of Correspondence between the Residency and the Durbar.

In reply, I write to assure you that I have never entertained any scruple in addressing letters of first-class importance to the Hon'ble the Resident. For, I see no objection, have I the smallest objection to his continuing to address letters direct to me. I recognise he is a high officer and I shall consider it a pleasure to correspond with him.

As I stated in my letter no 5545 of the 14th March 1908, whenever a letter is addressed to the Dewan by the Hon'ble the Resident the Dewan will invariably send a reply himself to such a communication. When in your letter of the 1st Feb. 1908 you suggested for

the first time that all letters addressed to the Dewan whether by the Resident or by the ~~J & R~~ should be replied to in the Dewan's name. I thought a reciprocal courtesy was due the Chief Minister of this State and thought proper that when the Dewan addressed a letter to the Resident and the number of such letters was not large the replies might issue from the Resident himself. It is difficult to see how such a procedure will lead to the misconstruction that the ~~J & R~~ is not entitled to address letters to the Dewan. As stated above this right to do so will not in any way be affected. I hope you will now agree that the proposal made by me in paragraph 3 of my letter of the 10th July is not unreasonable.

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I might perhaps mention that, as a rule, your predecessor usually extended ~~such~~ courtesy to the Dewan.

Yours sincerely,

8.8.18 Dewan.

CONFIDENTIAL.

No. 5591

Bangalore,

23rd March 1918.

My dear Mr. Cobb

As desired in your letter No.2175 of the 22nd instant, I give below a few instances of letters on matters of very minor importance ~~being~~ addressed to me:-

(1) Letter (without number) dated 20th April 1917 regarding a revised list of articles likely to be most acceptable to the British and Indian troops on active service.

(2) Letter No.1879 dated 9th March 1918 requesting to be furnished with copies of correspondence regarding payment of tolls in the Madras Presidency in respect of Palace cars.

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Yours Sincerely

Sd/ M. Visvesvaraya.

G. R. S. VI—G/32]

SUBJECT Re permanent adoption of the modified procedure in the mode of addressing communications between the Durbar & Residency

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,
(.)
, *the* 191 .

Date of issue.....

Signed by.....

Section G. M
File No. 476-17
Serial No.

No.

To

My dear Mr. Cobb,

I write to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your D.O. letter no. 852 of the 1st instt ~~according your consent to the permanent adoption of the modified procedure~~ in regard to the mode of addressing communications between the Residency & the Durbar ~~and to state that necessary instructions will be issued in the matter.~~

The suggestion contained

over.

in paragraph 2 of your letter under
advertence ~~has been noted~~ will be adopted

Yours Sincerely

11/2/18

List of enclosure

Copied by

Examined by

WD 86—GPB—60,000—15-11 16